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April 24, 2013

Honorable David Lambert
Councilmember
City of Benson
P.O. Box 1074
Benson, AZ 85602

Dear Councilman Lambert:

In 2002, Arizona voters passed Proposition 202 which allowed for the continuation of limited Indian gaming on tribal lands in Arizona. Passage of this ballot measure was of tremendous importance as it ensures that Arizona tribes can continue to address the desperate poverty and needs that exist on tribal lands. On the Tohono O'odham Nation, gaming revenues are being used to improve the health and well-being of tribal members, strengthen public safety, open up educational opportunities, and address a multitude of other infrastructure needs.

Under Proposition 202, Arizona tribes also agreed to share a portion of their revenues with the State of Arizona. Of the revenues shared, 12 percent is made available to cities, towns, or counties for a purpose benefiting the general public through either direct distribution to the local governments or in the form of a deposit to the State of Arizona's Commerce and Economic Development Commission's Local Community Fund.

For its 2013 revenue sharing, the Tohono O'odham Nation has chosen to contribute directly to local governments. In addition, quality non-profit organizations may work with local governments to qualify for the funding available from the Nation. As a result, the Tohono O'odham Nation is seeking to obtain Requests for Funding Proposals from Arizona cities, towns, counties, and non-profit organizations.

Attached are the specific criteria and timelines the Tohono O'odham Nation has set forth for identifying funding recipients. Proposals will be evaluated and awarded under the priorities established by the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ned Norris Jr.
Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for the Arizona Revised Statute 5-601-02 12% Gaming Distribution Tohono O'odham Nation

Background

In 2002 Arizona eligible voters approved Proposition 202, which implemented a new requirement that Tribal/State Gaming Compacts must include a provision that the compacting tribe would contribute a portion of its annual net gaming revenues (the "Annual Contribution") for the benefit of the general public. Pursuant to Proposition 202, each tribe may determine the recipients of 12% of its total Annual Contribution (the "12% Payments"). The tribe has two options for directing the 12% Payments: 1) direct distribution from the tribe to cities, towns, and counties, or 2) deposits to the Arizona Commerce and Economic Development Commission, which are then given to the recipients of the tribe's choice. The Tohono O'odham Nation will be making selections and finalizing agreements with recipients of the 12% payments no later than November 15, 2013.

Distribution Priority Areas for Fiscal Year 2013

Proposals must address one or more of the following priority areas:

- a) Education
- b) Health Care
- c) Public Safety
- d) Child Advocacy
- e) Economic Development
- f) Cultural & Environmental Development and Protection

Proposal

Proposals shall be limited to 4 pages in length, typewritten in 12 point font. If the proposal is more than 4 pages, only the first 4 pages will be considered. Budgets are required and therefore will be counted as part of the 4 pages. Attachments, such as photos, are not considered as one of the 4 pages. All proposals must be sent via certified mail and **must be postmarked no later than June 14, 2013**. Only one copy per proposal is needed. It is recommended that a copy of the proposal is sent via e-mail to matts@simginc.com. However, providing a copy of the proposal via e-mail alone will not be deemed to have applied properly and only proposals received via certified mail will be considered. Proposals must:

- a) Explain the perceived need and explain how the proposal will address that need.
- b) Describe the population who will benefit from the proposal if approved.
- c) Include a budget of the requested funds, with the total amount requested clearly notated.

- d) List any other funding requests that have been made for this or substantially related proposals and provide the status of those requests.
- e) Indicate whether the entity has already received a 12% distribution from the Tohono O'odham Nation or other Arizona tribes, along with the amount and date awarded.
- f) Identify a designated contact person and alternate contact person for follow-up, including e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, and fax number for these persons.
- g) Indicate which priority area (from the above list) the proposal falls under.
- h) If the proposal is from a non-profit organization, include the name of the city, town, or county an agreement will be made with if funds are granted. A letter from the governmental entity acknowledging its agreement to work with the non-profit is not necessary for the initial proposal. However, it is necessary for those non-profits selected to receive grant funding.

Requirements

If you, the applicant, are a city, town or county located within the State of Arizona:

- 1) You will need to provide proof or cite some authority that you are authorized to seek and enter into a grant of this nature.
- 2) If selected, you will need to ensure that the government you represent is willing to negotiate and execute the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Nation no later than September 30, 2013.

If you, the applicant, are any other non-governmental entity (not-for-profits, etc):

- 1) You will need to enter into an agreement with a city, town or county located within Arizona whereby that city, town, or county will agree to accept the grant funding from the Nation on your behalf. As a non-governmental entity, you bear the responsibility to find a municipality to flow the funding through and the Nation is not responsible for matching you with a government capable of receiving the funding.
- 2) The city, town, or county that has agreed to assist you to receive the grant will be required to enter into a Grant-in-Aid, Fiscal Agent agreement with the Nation in which the city, town, or county agrees to accept the funding on your behalf.

Timeline

- a) All proposals to be considered must be postmarked no later than June 14, 2013.
- b) Notification of decision will be mailed by August 30, 2013.
- c) Negotiation of Grant-in-Aid Agreements will commence immediately after notification.
- d) Negotiations of the Grant-in-Aid Agreements must be concluded no later than September 30, 2013.
- e) Approval of all Grant-in-Aid Agreements by the Nation and distribution of monies will occur on or about November 15, 2013.

Submitting Your Proposal / Contact Information

Address and mail all proposals via certified mail to:

Chairman Ned Norris Jr.
Tohono O'odham Nation
P.O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85634
ATTN: Lanez Valisto
(520) 383-2028 telephone
(520) 383-3379 fax

Must be postmarked no later than June 14, 2013
Proposals not in compliance with the above procedures will not be considered.